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First grade students meet new teacher



photo by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

Patrick Delacenserie, first grade teacher at Yokota East Elementary School, greets his students on the first day of school by reading the classic book "The Three Little Pigs." School started for all students at Yokota Air Base on Tuesday except for kindergartners who had an orientation day followed by home visits from the teachers.

Traffic pattern change

By Capt. Ben Alumbaugh
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Team Yokota members will have to adjust their driving patterns when going to and leaving the west side of base after Labor Day.

Starting Tuesday, the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron will begin work to change the traffic flow on the west side.

"We believe these changes will make it much more convenient for people using the west side," said Louis Lantner, acting maintenance engineering element chief. "With the addition of stores and buildings on the west side, we thought this change would work the best."

Previously people entering the west side were able to make a right turn until April 2005 to go to the gas station. But, to help ease the amount of congestion coming from housing during morning and lunch time commutes, the stop sign at Bobzien Avenue was taken out and right turns upon entering the west side were discontinued.

Now, with Tomodachi Lanes and the BXtra on the left hand side, more people turn left according to Mr. Lantner.

"This is one of the things that pushed us to change the traffic pattern," Mr. Lantner said. "Before there wasn't a big need to turn left at the gate, but now there is significantly more traffic going that direction because of the bowling alley and BXtra."

Even though right turns will be re-instated, the stop sign as of now will not be reinstated at the intersection of Bobzien Avenue and Jones Avenue according to Mr. Lantner. "If we have too many people trying to turn right and it bogs down traffic, then we will reexamine the intersection and try to make the traffic flow more smoothly," he said. "The people going straight on Bobzien Avenue have the priority."

Along with the right turn, CE will make the bowling alley parking lot have two lanes going through it.

"With all of the different markings on the pavement on the west side, it can be a little confusing, so we are hoping to simplify that issue," Mr. Lantner said. "We will be making these changes from Tuesday through Sept. 15, so we ask people to be careful and watch out for the crews working."

First Japanese students graduate from Yokota Airman Leadership School

Class builds bilateral relationship among students, instructors

By Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Thursday marked a milestone for the Yokota Airman Leadership School by making this the first time Japanese Self Defense Force students graduated alongside U.S. Airmen.

Senior Airmen Satoshi Morimoto and Ayaka Kohiruimaki are the first two JASDF students to graduate from this course.

"This was a great opportunity for me to learn more about Air Force relations," said Airman Morimoto, an F-15 avionics technician from Hyakuri Air Base in Ibaraki prefecture. "I believe that after going through this course, I will be able to relate to my subordinates better and explain more about how the Air Force thinks about their mission. That is my job, this helps me to do it better."

Airman Kohiruimaki saw this opportunity from a slightly different angle.

"I was interested in improving my English and I was told this would be a great opportunity as well as to learn more about the Air Force," said Airman Kohiruimaki, a base supply troop at Ichigaya Air Base in Tokyo Prefecture. "I will be able to go back to my workplace and share all of the

information I have gained from this class. For instance, our differences in cultures, thoughts and basic lifestyles."

"This class was beneficial to both countries," said Master Sgt. Kenneth Williams, ALS flight chief here. "It provides the JASDF NCO corps with an outlook of U.S. Air Force leadership roles and responsibilities as well as practicing their conversational English."

"It also significantly benefits Air Force members by placing them in team building exercises, counseling scenarios, leadership and followership roles with servicemembers from a different country."

Although there were some difficulties, the Japanese and American students and instructors worked through them together, as a team.

"The only real issues we have had is the language barrier," said Airman Morimoto. "Especially when it comes to all of the acronyms and other military jargon, but I feel I have a better understanding of how the U.S. Air Force thinks and works."

"This also gave us an opportunity to increase our bilateral relationship with the government of Japan, but more importantly, this was a great experience for the ALS faculty to improvise and improve our teaching skills," said Sergeant Williams. "This was truly a great experience for us all and I look forward to having more students from JASDF come through our school house."



photo by Master Sgt. Kenneth Williams

Japan Air Self Defense Force Senior Airman Ayaka Kohiruimaki commands an Airman Leadership School flight during their drill evaluation.

Hair today, gone tomorrow



photos by Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman

Left, Kahlil Williams, son of Tech. Sgt. Angela Williams, Headquarters U.S. Forces Japan, receives a haircut from Ayumi Ozawa at the Yokota Community Center Beauty Salon Saturday. Below, Williams donated his hair to Locks of Love, an organization which provides hand-woven wigs to children with cancer.



Driver's course required for local vehicle operators

Course II, New Driver's Course required based on age, experience level

By Lt. Col. John Park
374th Airlift Squadron Safety

As the permanent change of station season is in full swing, military, Department of Defense, Department of Defense Dependent Schools, and Department of State members and their family members are attending the Local Driving Conditions class or Course II, Thursdays at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

The three and a half hour course starts promptly at 8 a.m. and culminates with a 33-question closed book test. Participants should arrive at least 10 minutes early.

A Japanese driving conditions booklet is available and provides information for the test. It is online at www.yokota.af.mil/pcs/driving/#conditions. This is also a good site for additional information on driving in Japan.

In accordance with Air Force In-

struction 91-207, United States Forces Japan Instruction 31-205 and applicable 374th Airlift Wing Supplements, personnel must be issued a U.S. Forces Japan operator's permit for civilian vehicle, USFJ Form 4EJ, in order to operate a vehicle on Yokota Air Base.

Personnel with a valid stateside or international driver's license must obtain a signed 374th Airlift Wing Form 50 from their sponsoring unit's administration section and attend Course II prior to being issued a USFJ Form 4EJ.

As local Japanese and Yokota Air Base policy change periodically, it is recommended new drivers attend Course II no earlier than 30 days prior to their 16th birthday to ensure they have the latest guidance prior to obtaining their learner's permit.

Dependents 16 years of age or older, or family members who have never been licensed, must attend Course II and pass the test with 80 percent or better in order to obtain a 90-day on-base only driver's permit. This permit allows the person to drive on base as long as they are with their sponsor.

Within the 90-day period, dependents must complete the driver's course at the Taiyo Recreation Center to obtain a driver's license.

Students may pick-up their permits or licenses at the Pass and Registration office in Bldg. 316, room 124. They are open 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on Course II, call the 374th AW Safety Office at 225-SAFE or 225-7233.

The 374th Services Division, family member program flight at the Taiyo Recreation Center, Bldg. 3260 on the west side of base, offers a driver's education class for new and inexperienced drivers.

The New Driver's Course consists of 45 classroom hours, six hours of driving practice and a road test. This class meets three nights a week for six weeks. Students must have a learner's permit to attend.

Registration is taken in advance and there may be a waiting list for the full course.

For more information on this class, call Mr. Michael Lockhart at 225-6955 or 225-6966.

U.S. PACOM commander visit

As part of a trip to Mongolia, China and Japan to reaffirm U.S. commitment to regional security, Admiral William J. Fallon, commander of United States Pacific Command, stopped at Yokota Air Base and met with Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Japan, personnel. The admiral shared some of his assessments of the current security environment.

Admiral Fallon noted the continuing need for international engagement in Northeast Asia to support peace and stability in the region. He shared some impressions from his current travels which included a visit to a military training center in Mongolia. Participants from nine countries, including the U.S. and Japan, were being trained in peacekeeping techniques and preparing other troops for these important operations.

"Mongolia has chosen a path based on democratic principles," Admiral Fallon said. "They are developing a small military for their needs and have shown a willingness to deploy forces to troubled areas of the world for peacekeeping operations. They are a really good example for the international community," he said.

The admiral also used the visit to recognize accomplishments by members of Headquarters, U.S. Forces, Japan, and announced the award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to HQ USFJ for the period of March 1, 2004 to May 1, 2006. The award recognizes HQ USFJ's role in the landmark alliance transformation and realignment process between the U.S. and Japan, support to humanitarian relief operations following the Asian tsunami of December 2004, and assistance to the Japan Self-Defense Force in their transition to their new joint structure.

"Japan is critically important to the U.S., and it's significant that our leadership in Washington took the time to recognize the terrific job you are doing," commented the admiral, "particularly in the area of supporting the transformation and realignment negotiations over the last year and a half. That work is significant not only for the substance, but also in the amount of detail required."

Admiral Fallon's visit to Japan also included meetings with senior U.S. Embassy and Japanese Government officials.



Photo by Yasuo Osakabe

Lt. Gen. Bruce A. Wright, U.S. Forces-Japan commander, accepts the citation from Admiral William J. Fallon, U.S. Pacific Command commander, for contributions to the Defense Policy Review Initiative, humanitarian relief following the tsunami in December 2004 and support to the Japan Self-Defense Force in their transition to a joint staff structure.

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Air Force PT gear mandatory wear date looms near

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The mandatory wear date for the Air Force physical training gear is just four weeks away.

The Air Force Uniform Board established that by Oct. 1, all Airmen must wear the PT gear for unit fitness activities.

"The Air Force created the PT uniform to support unit cohesion and present a standardized, professional military image," said Chief Master Sgt. Cathy Barker, 374th Airlift Wing command chief master sergeant.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, released Aug. 2, directs in part, the following guidelines:



photo courtesy of the Air Force News Service

Airmen perform physical training wearing several different combinations of the PT gear.

- ✓ PT shirt may be tucked in or out.
- ✓ Shorts will be worn with t-shirt. The lining in the PT shorts may be removed, however, do not modify the other PT items such as sleeve removal. Spandex shorts and leggings (navy blue or black) may be worn under PT shorts (full length leggings may be worn during cold weather periods).

- ✓ Jacket will be worn with t-shirt. The jacket may also be worn as needed. When worn, it may be zipped or unzipped. The hood will be stored and zipped when not worn.

- ✓ Pants will be worn with t-shirt, pants do not have to be zipped.

- ✓ Socks will be white in color, any length and may have small conservative trademark logos.

- ✓ Undergarments are mandatory with all PT gear combinations.

- ✓ All hats/winter caps (knit) are authorized. Maintain a professional military image, with no offensive wording, graphics or photos on any item worn with the PT gear. Bandanas and other similar headscarves/headgear are not authorized unless due to medical waiver condition.

- ✓ Hair standards do not apply while working out with the wear of the PT gear.

- ✓ Tattoos, body art and jewelry standards apply (refer to AFI 36-2903, Table 2.5.)

- ✓ Saluting is not required.

- ✓ Jewelry wear will follow normal uniform wear rules; keep safety in mind.

- ✓ Headphones and earphones are authorized while in gym area or designated running track unless prohibited by Installation Commander.

- ✓ Any athletic shoe is authorized.

- ✓ Safety/additional items such as ski wraps/sweatbands (black, blue, white), reflective belts, personal hydration systems, fannypacks, armbands or gloves are all authorized while performing individual PT.

- ✓ There is no mandated maternity PT while participating in formations, unit activities, similar official events, and when mission/safety dictates.

- ✓ Local commanders may dictate the wear of the PT gear while performing organized PT.

- ✓ The PT gear can be worn in any combination desired.

- ✓ When participating in organized PT, any combination of the PT gear (shorts, T-shirt, pants and jacket) will be worn as a set and not mixed with civilian clothes; at other times any combination of the PT gear (shorts, T-shirt, pants and jacket) can be worn with civilian clothes. Commanders (or equivalent) will determine which PT events are "organized."

"If you haven't already, now is the time to ensure you have the required PT gear, said Chief Barker. "We are scheduled for a wing run the same day the wear of the PT gear becomes mandatory."

PT gear can be purchased on base at the AAFES Military Clothing Sales or can be ordered from AAFES.com. Shipment takes two to four weeks for orders.

Armed Forces Voting Week

The overseas Armed Forces Voting Week is Sunday through Sept. 9. Yokota Air Base's Voting Council will sponsor a voting registration drive at the Yokota Community Center Sept. 5 through 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to provide base members the opportunity to participate in the electoral process and make every vote count.

In the 2006 voting year, all house representatives, a third of the senators and 37 governors are up for election. The following states and territories have upcoming primary voting dates:

- ⇒ Guam - Sept. 2
- ⇒ Florida - Sept. 5
- ⇒ Virgin Islands - Sept. 11
- ⇒ Arizona - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Delaware - Sept. 12
- ⇒ District of Columbia - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Maryland - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Minnesota - Sept. 12
- ⇒ New Hampshire - Sept. 12
- ⇒ New York - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Rhode Island - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Vermont - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Wisconsin - Sept. 12
- ⇒ Massachusetts - Sept. 19
- ⇒ Washington - Sept. 19
- ⇒ Hawaii - Sept. 23

Most states require all ballots to be in by Oct. 15, however, personnel can check with their unit voting representative or online at <http://www.fvap.gov> for details.

Yokota also has a voting hotline at 225-6226 for further assistance.

(Information provided by Maj. William Hurtle, Voter Council POC.)

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Personal education easier to achieve

By Maj. Steve Pitts
374th Mission Support Squadron

My grandma always said, "Get yourself an education; it can't be taken away from you."

Also, the slogan, "education is the key," was posted in classrooms and in hallways of schools by educators to drive home the importance of education.

You even saw similar sentiments about education on bumper stickers.

Military and civilian personnel have always strived to become more educated. However, some jobs prevented people from going to school.

Yes, you had to physically go to the classroom to be taught. Bases offered educational programs, but all bases did not offer the same ones. A person in a program could be transferred and not be able to continue to study at their new base.

Today, online schooling has erased this in-

flexibility. Getting an education is possible for most personnel.

Technology is making it possible for personnel stationed overseas to continue their education.

Not only that, online schooling allows you to take classes at any time, day or night, and any hours you choose. What more could you ask?

Getting an education still may not be easy for everyone, but it should be a priority. Education requires sacrifice, commitment and dedication.

Many members wait until late in their career to start pursuing advanced education. Delaying the process until late in your career affects your chances of competing with those who have already begun or completed their education.

Also, some people may have put off starting until a time in their life when they have increased responsibilities at work and at home.

Military guidelines stipulate when education courses must be completed. There sim-

ply is no fast way. You need an early plan and you need to work your plan. An early plan gives you time to make adjustments.

The Air Force values education. This fact is evident in the programs it sponsors and stipends it provides.

To further aid in pursuing an education, the Air Force has technical courses that transfer toward degrees. Everything is in place to help you succeed educationally and to keep the fighting force on the cutting edge.

A demand for highly trained, well-educated personnel is crucial for America to continue being a world power.

Through continued education, we can answer the call to build a better Air Force with fewer people, to ensure the safety of our loved-ones, homes and communities, to build a stronger nation, to wage the war on terrorism, and to assist our global neighbors in maintaining peace. We are succeeding in these areas because we are highly trained and highly educated.

Code of Conduct; everyone's responsibility

Master Sgt. Edwin Holland
374th Airlift Wing Inspector General

As I reflect on the current world situation and the high ops tempo, which translates into "doing more with less", many thoughts run through my mind, the Code of Conduct probably being the most prevalent.

While thinking about the Code of Conduct and how it outlines basic responsibilities and obligations of each member of the U.S. Armed Forces during times of war occupies the majority of my thought process.

There are six articles in the Code

of Conduct, and with Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom going on, it immediately brings two of these articles to mind: Article I and Article VI.

Article I states, "I am an American, fighting in the forces which guard my country and our way of life. I am prepared to give my life in their defense."

This article is excellently stated as it defines my citizenship and my obligation as a military member to defend my country. We, as members of the Armed Forces have a duty to support U.S. interests and oppose U.S. enemies regardless of the circumstances.

It also reminds me of the saying "Freedom Is Not Free", which is depicted on the wall of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. This saying also identifies that there's a cost to freedom so many of us take for granted.

Article VI says, "I will never forget that I am an American, fighting for freedom, responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles which made my country free. I will trust in my God and in the United States of America."

After reading this article, the lyrics to the song, "Proud To Be An American", as performed by Lee

Greenwood, ring loudly in my mind.

I know the Code of Conduct has been, and will continue to be, a topic for discussion during contingency training. However, how strong is the emphasis on knowing the purpose of the code, and why it was created?

Remember, this training prepares us for war and military operations other than war. Therefore, knowing the code is as equally important as other aspects of contingency training.

Finally, I encourage you to remember that the Code of Conduct addresses those situations and decision areas that, to some degree, all military personnel could encounter.

One experience, two words, a lifetime of influence

By Chief Master Sgt. Elizabeth Campeau
U.S. Air Force Band

BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) — I was about 15 when the U.S. Navy Band came to town. A few local high school students were invited to "sit-in" for one selection during the concert, and I was one of them. It was a warm spring night and the auditorium was packed.

When the time came for us to perform with the band, the emcee announced our names one by one as we took our places in the ensemble. It was thrilling to share the stage with all those professionals. But best of all, during the applause, the military musician sitting to my left leaned over and said "good job." Though I didn't know it at the time, those two kind words would have a lifelong impact.

Fast forward three decades. Today I serve as the marketing and outreach director for the U.S. Air Force Band. Without a doubt, the best part of the job is reading letters from young musicians.

Recently, I received a note from a young flutist in Michigan who'd listened to one of our recordings. She wrote: "It's (the compact disc) called Imagine the Possibilities and I do." She went on to say that she had just celebrated her 12th birthday and, "When I grow up, I wish to be in the Air Force Band."

I immediately remembered the kindness of that Navy musician all those years ago and quickly dispatched a reply full of encouraging words. I probably won't be around long enough to find out if this young person will follow her dream to become a member of the U.S. Air Force Band, but I'm sure she'll carry a

fondness for the Air Force far into her future.

Studies have shown the earlier a child is exposed to an idea, the more likely they are to carry the influence, positive or negative, with them throughout their lives. My experience with the Navy musician is one of my fondest memories. I'm certain it influenced my decision to follow a career in military music.

I have heard the phrase "good job" countless times during my lifetime. Those two words of encouragement, reinforced with the image of a military uniform, are the ones I remember most clearly. Never take for granted the power of your words and actions, especially in uniform.

Think about the last time you interacted with young people. What message did you send in that snapshot of time? Let's hope it was a positive one. Chances are, the impression you made was an indelible one.



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DUI Prevention

Aug. 23 – Aug. 29	0
Total DUIs in August	2
Total in 2006	12

Punishment

.049 or less = car parked for 12 hrs.
.05-.079 = 6 months walking
.081-.149 = 1 year walking
0.15 or greater = 2 years walking

Misconduct Prevention

Aug. 23 – Aug. 29	1
Total incidents in August	7
Total in 2006	66

Punishment

Family members or civilians can lose AAFES, MWR or Commissary privileges; receive fines or restitution, community service hours, evaluation or counseling, curfew, suspension or loss of driving privileges and debarment from base through the Yokota Conduct Adjudication Program.

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Col. Scott Goodwin
374th Airlift Wing commander

Teacher shares passion for art

By Jennifer Hensley
Writer

For Yokota East Elementary School art teacher Van Swygert, life doesn't just imitate art, it is art.

As long as he can remember, Mr. Swygert has been creating art in some way, shape or form.

"My family lived out in the country and we didn't have many neighbors growing up. The kids in our family had to entertain themselves," said the art teacher. "I created the most wonderful things out of nothing. It was not until the seventh grade that I had any true art lessons. Once I had those art lessons, I became addicted."

Luckily for his students, Mr. Swygert turned that ad-

diction into a successful teaching career.

"My parents were both educators and teaching is in my blood so to speak," said Mr. Swygert. "While attending the University of South Carolina, I heard about the Department of Defense Dependent Schools program. I really was interested in seeing exotic places, especially in Asia."

After teaching for three years in South Carolina, Mr. Swygert was hired by DoDDS and sent to Japan. He only expected to stay a couple of years but once he got here, he knew he couldn't leave. "Once I came overseas," he said, "I fell in love with living and traveling abroad."

Just one look in his classroom and it's easy to see that art is in his blood. The walls are papered with paintings and drawings, clay sculptures adorn shelves and workspaces are labeled according to famous artists such as Jackson Pollack. One entire wall is devoted to art vocabulary, a technique that Mr. Swygert uses to motivate and inspire his students.

"I believe my personal goal as a teacher of the visual arts in an elementary school is to give the kids a pleasant experience," he said. "I try to expose the students to a large variety of mediums. For example, one student may love to draw but another is great at stitchery or clay. I also like to slip art history into my lessons and to encourage the children to talk about art using vocabulary terms from our word wall to help them express themselves."

The upcoming 2006-2007 school year marks

Mr. Swygert's 20 years at Yokota East. Over the years, he hasn't just taught art – he's also learned a thing or two in the process.

"Living here has given me the opportunity to become familiar with the arts in Japan. I am a big fan of woodblock now but didn't care for it when I took it during my undergraduate years," said Mr. Swygert. "Now I have a rather large personal collection and I've learned to appreciate the simplicity of everything from calligraphy, to ikebana, origami and even the artistic presentation of Japanese foods."

As a teacher and artist, Mr. Swygert can't imagine a world without art and it's easy to see why. As a student, it was the only way he



photos by Master Sgt. Dominique Brown

Upper left, Mr. Swygert chooses prints to discuss with his class. Above, thirdgrade students look at the difference between prints, comparing classic self portraits, surrealist art, landscapes and pointillism. Lower left, Mr. Swygert hands out tempera paints to students for an art project.



found to truly express himself and he uses that experience as an opportunity to reach out to his students now.

"There is hardly an aspect in life that isn't touched by one form of art or another," said the teacher. "For example, our buildings are designed by artists and the books we read are illustrated by artists."

"Art was my salvation of making it through school, it helped me deal with the internal struggles that can't always be expressed verbally," he continued. "It helped me find a place of belonging. I was not the jock, musician or scholar, but art was my area of shining. There are so many kids out there just like me who thrive on the opportunity to express themselves through art."

Mr. Swygert's passion for art extends beyond the classroom – a fact that isn't lost on his students. Long after the last bell rings and students are released for the day, he can often be found wearing his signature apron and helping students with after-school art projects.

As for the future, only time will tell where he spends the next 20 years. "I hope to stay overseas for the rest of my career," said the art teacher. "I feel that Yokota East is a part of my family and I love living here. If I spend another twenty years at Yokota East, I'm sure it will truly be a pleasure."

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Off base

International Fair: Fussa's International Fair is Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the east area of the Fussa Station. There will be a classic car parade at 11:30 a.m. and performances include music, dance and Yokota Air Base's Samurai Taiko Drum Team at 12:30 p.m.

Ginger Festival: Ginger is said to be the best way to prevent catching a cold. The Ginger Festival in Akiruno is Sept. 8 and 9. The festival has many booths that sell ginger root and leaves at the Ninomiya Shrine.

"Yokota Day" with Seibu Lions: The Seibu Lions and Seibu In-voice Dome invite the Yokota community to "Yokota Day" Sept. 19 starting at 6 p.m. The Seibu Lions play the Fukuoka Soft Bank Hawks in a major league game. Discount tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and tickets go on sale Saturday at 10 p.m. through ITT in the Yujo Community Center.

On base

Movies

Today – *Invincible*, PG, 7 p.m.; *The Devil Wears Prada*, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday – *Invincible*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Devil Wears Prada*, PG-13, 7 p.m.; *Waist Deep*, R, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday – *Invincible*, PG, 2 p.m.; *The Devil Wears Prada*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Monday – *Invincible*, PG, 7 p.m.

Tuesday – *Superman Returns*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Wednesday – *Invincible*, PG, 7 p.m.

Thursday – *Pirates of the Caribbean*, PG-13, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

KUDOS

Kids Understanding Deployment Operations is scheduled for Sept. 30. KUDOS allows children to experience what happens when a parent deploys. Participants will process through deployment lines and receive dog tags. E-mail ruth.montgomery@yokota.af.mil.

Homeschool group

The Yokota Homeschool Group hosts monthly meetings, field trips and other events during the school year. Send an e-mail to yokotahomeschoolers@hotmail.com.

Commissary Hours

The commissary will be open Labor Day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association is holding its monthly meeting Sept. 25 at the Enlisted Club from 9-10 a.m.

Pre-deployment

A pre-deployment briefing is held every Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend the briefing. Call 225-3347.

Give Parents a Break

The next Give Parents a Break day sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society is Sept. 9. Sign up by today. For eligibility requirements call the Child Development Center at 225-8810.

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball is scheduled for Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. Come celebrating the 59th Anniversary of the Air Force. Purchase tickets by Sept. 5, through first sergeants. All Yokota Air Base community members are invited. This is a formal event; officers wear the mess dress uniform, enlisted wear the mess dress or semiformal blues and civilians dress in formal to semiformal.

Spouse employment

If you are a military spouse and would like assistance searching for a job, stop by the Airman and Family Readiness Center. Classes are available to help you get started. For more information, e-mail tracie.hathorn@yokota.af.mil.

225-RIDE

Volunteers are needed for 225-RIDE. Send an e-mail to 225-RIDE@yokota.af.mil.

Cub Scout meeting

Cub Scout Pack 49* invites all current cub scout families and interested new members to the Welcome Back Pack meeting Sept. 7 at 6 p.m. at Snyder Pavilion.

College registration

Register now for the fall semester with The University of Maryland University College or Central Texas College at the Base Training and Education office. Classes are still available and begin the first week of September.

Singles' ministry

Young adults and singles of the chapel are welcome.

Tuesdays – Free dinner, Bible discussion and fellowship starts at 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays – Intercessory prayer at 6 p.m. and fellowship and snacks at 7 p.m.

Fridays – "Extreme Coffee Bar" with snacks, drinks and games from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Saturdays – Morning sports activities at the main gym, lunch brunch at 1 p.m. and band practice from 3 to 5 p.m.

Call 225-7009 for details.

Bundles for Babies

The Airmen and Family Readiness Center offers an educational program Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon for couples expecting a baby. Topics include infant care and selecting a caregiver. Call 225-8725.

Airmen's Attic

Volunteers are needed to work at the Airmen's Attic to staff the store and sort donations. Call Master Sgt. Ortiz at 225-4126.

Housing Office

The Housing Flight offices will be closed today in observance of a scheduled down day.

TRICARE coverage

Dependent children attending college are authorized medical coverage through TRICARE until they turn 23. Call 225-6474 or visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>.

Samurai Warrior



of the Week



Staff Sgt. Kenneth Savell

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Savell, 374th Maintenance Operations Squadron, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of self control, sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, absolute loyalty to one's superior, and a sense of justice and honesty.

Sergeant Savell is a senior weapons system controller. His dedication to duty ensured the success of support aircraft movement, Philippine mudslide initial contingency response and 100% error free flying schedule data reporting to higher headquarters. Additionally, his leadership in the Maintenance Operations Center directly contributed to the September 2005 PACAF Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team's Superior Performer Award and the March 2006 Operational Readiness Inspection Outstanding Team Award.

Chapel schedule

Traditional (West) Chapel

Catholic: Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant: Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

Contemporary (East) Chapel

Protestant: Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean

Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.

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FTAC relocates



photo by Staff Sgt. Ruth Curfman

Staff Sergeants Kenneth Lewis and Daniel Cain, instructors at the First Term Airmen Center, move furniture to the new FTAC location in Bldg. 727, located next to Airman Leadership School.

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“Quotes” & Things

“I learned that if you want to make it bad enough, no matter how bad it is, you can make it.”

Gale Sayers

Softball Tournament: The second annual Kanto Cup Base Varsity Softball Tournament kicks off today and goes through Monday at Wilkins Field. Opening ceremony starts today at 6 p.m.

Volleyball Tournament: The Hispanic American Heritage month committee is sponsoring a volleyball tournament is scheduled for Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Samurai Fitness Center. To register call 225-7170.

Ekiden Road Relay: The 17th Annual Camp Zama Ekiden Road Relay will be held at Sagami Depot on Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. Call 263-7980.

Sports Physicals: To schedule an appointment for your children's sports physical, call 225-8864.

Start Smart Soccer: The season runs from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, registration goes through Sept. 14. Cost is \$30. Mandatory parents meeting Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at the East Youth Center. Call 225-7441.

Youth Volleyball: Registration is Sept. 5 to 29, the season runs from Nov. 4 to Dec. 16. Call 225-7441.

Youth Flag Football: The season runs from Nov. 4 to Dec. 16, registration is Sept. 5 to 29. Call 225-7441.

Cheerleading Registration: Season is Nov. 4 through Feb. 17, registration is Sept. 5 to 29. Call 225-7441.

YHS Panthers kick off another season



Photos by Capt. Ben Alumbaugh

Left, the Yokota Panthers high school football team goes through one of its running plays as tailback Anthony McNeill bursts through an opening. The Panthers are hoping to continue their dominance in Japan and looks to repeat for the seventh straight time as the Kanto Plain and Japan Football League champions. Below, linemen fire off the line during practice. Below right, sometimes matchups on the offensive line are not always even. Below left, quarterback Peter Weaver pitches the ball to McNeill while running an option play during practice for the upcoming season opening game versus Kinnick Red Devils tonight at Yokosuka.

2006 Yokota Panthers Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Today	Kinnick Red Devils	Yokosuka	4:30 p.m. JV/7 p.m. Varsity
Sept. 9	ASIJ Mustangs	ASIJ	10 a.m. JV/1 p.m. Varsity
Sept. 23	Edgren Eagles	Yokota	1 p.m. Varsity only
Sept. 29	Zama Trojans	Zama	4:30 p.m. JV/7 p.m. Varsity
Oct. 6	ASIJ Mustangs	Yokota	4:30 p.m. JV/7 p.m. Varsity
Oct. 13	Kinnick Red Devils	Yokota	4:30 p.m. JV/7 p.m. Varsity
Oct. 21	Edgren Eagles	Misawa	1 p.m. Varsity only
Oct. 27	Zama Trojans	Yokota	4:30 p.m. JV/7 p.m. Varsity
Nov. 4	Okinawa Champion	Yokota	7:30 p.m. Varsity only
Nov. 11	Guam-Korea Winner	TBD	TBD



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